"The House Page Program is a great way for young men and women to learn how their government works," said Costa. "Pages do everything from monitoring votes for Members and preparing Congress for daily business, to running messages between the House and Senate Chambers. I am excited that a talented Valley student like Adriana will get to experience this unique opportunity."

Pages are sixteen year old high school students hired to serve as support staff for the U.S. House of Representatives. All Pages must be sponsored by a Member of Congress, and meet a variety of requirements. Earlier this year, Costa encouraged students from across the Valley to apply. In 2008, Costa hosted Elizabeth Monsma from Shafter High School. During the academic year, Pages are required to attend Page school in addition to their Congressional responsibilities. They live in a supervised Page Residence Hall and receive a monthly stipend.

For more information about the House Page Program, please visit http://pageprogram.house.g ov/factsheet.pdf